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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING)	
INSULATING FILM OF LOW DIELECTRIC)	
CONSTANT AS INTERLAYER)	
INSULATING FILM)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance for each of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 3121311 – discloses a multi-level interconnect with layered metal pad (line/via). The relevance of this document is also discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application.

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2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-349447 – discloses multi-level print board with dummy line under the pads to prevent cracking of the substrate. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application.

Also, an English-language abstract of each listed document is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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